

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 4 to read as follows.

This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/849,409, filed May 7, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,640,133, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/875,081, filed September 29, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,240,309, issued May 29, 2001, which is a 371 of PCT/JP96/03365, filed November 15, 1996, and which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 539,871, filed October 6, 1995, by some of the inventors herein, now U.S. Patent No. 5,803,909, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference herein.